

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019
supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European
Parliament and the Council, as regards rules for the prevention
and control of certain listed diseases (Text with EEA relevance)

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 3

Clinical examinations, sampling procedures and diagnostic methods

1 Where clinical examinations of animals are required pursuant to this Regulation in order to confirm or rule out the presence of a category A disease, the competent authority shall ensure that:

- a the sampling of animals for clinical examination is carried out in accordance with:
 - (i) point A.1 of Annex I for terrestrial animals; and
 - (ii) point 1 of Annex XII for aquatic animals;
- b the clinical examination comprises:
 - (i) an initial general evaluation of the animal health status of the establishment which comprises all the animals of listed species kept in the establishment; and
 - (ii) an individual examination of the animals included in the sample referred to in point (a).

2 Where laboratory examinations are required pursuant to this Regulation in order to confirm or rule out the presence of a category A disease, the competent authority shall ensure that:

- a the sampling of animals for laboratory examination is carried out in accordance with:
 - (i) point A.2 of Annex I for terrestrial animals; and
 - (ii) point 1(b), (c), (d) and (e) of Annex XII for aquatic animals;
- b the diagnostic methods for laboratory examinations fulfil the requirements set out in:
 - (i) point B of Annex I for terrestrial animals; and
 - (ii) point 2 of Annex XII for aquatic animals;
- c the samples are sent:
 - (i) without delay to an official laboratory designated in accordance with Article 37 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽¹⁾;
 - (ii) in accordance with point C of Annex I for terrestrial animals and point 1(f) of Annex XII for aquatic animals; and

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- (iii) following any other instruction from the competent authority and from the laboratory regarding biosecurity and biosafety conditions to prevent the spread of category A disease agents;
- d in the case of kept animals:
 - (i) an inventory of all kept animals on the establishment and their species and categories is compiled; for poultry and aquaculture animals the number of animals may be estimated; and
 - (ii) an identification mark of each sampled animal of listed species, or in the case of poultry and aquaculture animals the batch number, is recorded.

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- (1) Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products ([OJ L 95, 7.4.2017, p. 1](#)).

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